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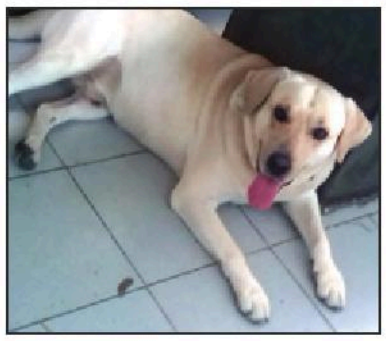
ILLEGAL CANINE TRADING ON THE RISE IN CITY



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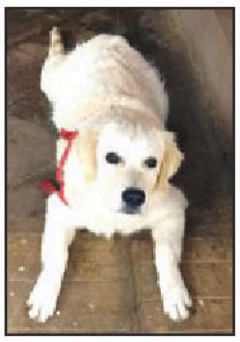

Scooby
Golden Retriever

Mysuru, Dec.23 (KS&BCT)- Where is my dog? This is one question an increasing number of dog owners in city are asking these days. And they are not getting any definitive answer. They fear their missing dogs may have been stolen for illegal breeding in what animal activists are calling the growing number of 'puppy mills' in many parts of the city, Kodagu, Bengaluru and even Ooty.

Spurring the illegal breeding is the great demand for pedigree dogs. Most of the dogs that are Dognapped (stealing a dog, especially in order to sell it) are Golden Retrievers, Labradors and German Shepherds. With pedigree dogs costing thousands (sometimes lakhs) of rupees, it's no surprise that some dogs are stolen and sold.

A rare canine, Alaskan Malamute lovingly called 'Samsung', worth Rs.8 crore was stolen from Cadaboms Kennels in Bengaluru owned by Satish who is also the President of the Indian Dog Breeders' Association. Satish had imported Samsung from China two years ago when she was a one-year-old pup. Samsung's leash has been cut and the dog was taken from the house in Hanumanthanagar in Bengaluru. The news of Rs. 8-crore-worth dog was published in newspapers today.

Many theft cases in Mysuru

Following up on the news, *Star of Mysore* found that there are many such dog missing cases in Mysuru too where mainly, the canines are stolen. While some owners have got back their dogs, some are still searching them and they have advertised in newspapers, posted the pet photos on social media platforms and are also doing the rounds of Kennel Clubs to find their dogs.

Stolen dogs sold to kennels and estates in Kodagu, Ooty and Bengaluru

While many online pages feature heart-melting images of missing or stolen pets alongside appeals from their owners begging for their return, some owners have lost hopes of getting their pets back.

Theft of a dog is a criminal offence. But the rule is rarely enforced as the Police even refuse to lodge complaints. Many dog owners told *SOM* that their complaints were not received at Police Stations.

(See DOGNAPPING on page 8)

Lit buffs relive 'Malgudi' Memories at RKN Museum

Over 19,697 visitors come to RKN's House in Yadavagiri on a literary pilgrimage

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Dec.23- The home of one of India's most beloved and celebrated English-language authors R.K. Narayan (RKN) that has been converted into a museum now is seeing a steady stream of visitors.

From July 24, 2016 when the museum was opened, the place has recorded 19,697 visitors till date.

Though the number of visitors is less when compared to other places of interest in Mysuru, they are select and niche audience who are fans of the great writer who are familiar with the charms of the South Indian fictional town of Malgudi — RKN's most lasting creation.

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Conquest by *Khichdi*

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Founder Kanhaiyalal Maneklal Munshi (1887-1971) in one of his messages made a brief reference to his life during student days. He disclosed that his major diet that sustained him for most part of the day was the humble *Khichdi*, adding that he prepared the dish himself with the remark that anybody could do it. Devotees visiting temples in Mysuru and elsewhere where early morning worship-related rituals are done invariably expect and also receive a handful of *Pongal* as *prasada*. Going by the view of the regularly temple-bound devotees who are also familiar with *Khichdi's* recipe and ingredients, the dish of our region, with a few grains of pepper embedded in it and salted to taste is a distant cousin of the dish of other regions of the country as it were. Called as one-pot-meal, *Khichdi* is learnt to have gained wings by moving from Mumbai to Manhattan. America's largest circulated newspaper, *NYT (New York Times)* has reportedly given wide publicity to *Khichdi* by publishing the recipe for it regularly.

Being a rice-pulse combo, both *Pongal* and *Khichdi*, despite their low-key presence in daily diet and life of people at large, the two major grains in the meals of majority in the population are rated high from the nutrition point of view as they mutually close the gap of deficiency in two important amino acids namely lysine and methionine. What the country's generations of a distant past practised as a routine has been scientifically corroborated in our times.

The factors of acceptable taste, pleasing mouth feel, ease of preparation, availability of raw materials and more importantly cost seem to have weighed to a great extent in both conceiving the recipe for the two dishes and its popularity among all sections of society. If one wishes to know about India's numerous foods that are consumed regularly, one may read the publication *Illustrated Foods of India* by Dr. K.T. Achaya (1923-2002), an eminent oil chemist, food scientist and nutritionist. Talking of *Khichdi*, this combo of carbs and lentils is now a star dish on restaurant menus of eateries in may cities of the US. Its claim to fame is traced to 2017 when an attempt to declare it as the *national* dish sparked off controversies. Thanks to the creativity of some foodies, *Khichdi* has currently umpteen regional variations.

Having focussed on *Khichdi* and its rich cousin *Pongal*, one is obliged not to forget another humble dish *Chithraanna*, an instant breakfast dish familiar to Kannadigas of the erstwhile Princely State of Mysore, invented by an anonymous grandma in the distant past. This dish may also take wings along with *K&P* to fly all over the globe in foreseeable future.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The killing of four rape suspects in an "encounter" by the Hyderabad Police evoked rapturous joy in many TV channels. Meanwhile, many judges and columnists expressed dismay at Police vigilantism, saying it violated human rights and the rule of law. Some blamed the Police and their political bosses, others blamed callous public attitudes. Sorry, but the real culprit is a moribund judicial system that simply does not deliver what can reasonably be called justice. Judges and columnists can give unending homilies on the rule of law. But when so many flout the law with impunity because of a moribund justice system, following legal procedures ceases to be what can reasonably be called rule of law. Rather, it is the rule of procedures and injustice. Critics are reluctant to castigate the courts for fear of being jailed for contempt of court. *— Swaminathan S. Anklesaria Aiyar in Sunday Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's smallest inhabited island

Thousand Islands archipelago: Just Room Enough Island, is an aptly-named private-owned island with literally just enough room for its owners' house, a couple of trees and a miniature beach with a pair of bench chairs. Part of the Thousand Islands archipelago on the border between the U.S. and Canada, Just Room Enough Island measures about 3,300 square feet (310 m2), which makes it the world's smallest inhabited island. It was purchased by the Sizeland family in the 1950s, as a comfortable retreat, but they never expected it to become an internationally-recognized tourist attraction.

Ironically, even though the Sizeland family probably never intended for their vacation home to become so famous, they had a role to play in its rise to fame. In order for their patch of land to be recognised as an island, and thus part of the Thousand Islands archipelago, it had to meet some requirements – have an area larger than one square foot, remain above water year round, and have at least one tree. That last one was missing, so they planted one.

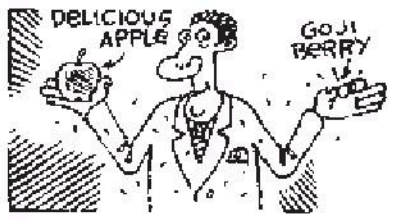
How a common fruit started a blue food craze in Brazil

Rio: The ripe berries of the genipa tree, called genipapo, have long been used to make syrups and liquors, but for a few years now unripe genipapo berries have become highly sought after for their ability to turn foods blue. The coloring properties of unripe genipapo berries have been used as a temporary tattoo dye, but it wasn't until 2014 that people learned about its potential to turn food blue as well.

It was then that professor and biologist Valdely Kinupp published his book, where he detailed a process for extracting an edible blue pigment from genipapo berries. So Kinupp's discovery caused quite a stir which eventually turned into a blue food craze.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the nutrient value of a Goji Berry compared to an apple?



It would come as a surprise to many that Goji Berries rank lower in ORAC value than a plain OL' delicious apple. The ORAC value of the Goji Berry is 3,290 ORAC units. A delicious apple is 4,275. Other ORAC values: Red Raspberry: 5,065 and Cayenne Pepper: 19,671.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Drawing contest on Jan.25

Mysuru, Dec. 23- As part of the annual Suttur Jathra to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Jan.21 to 26, a State-level drawing and painting contest has been organised for school children at Suttur on Jan.25. The contest will be held under four categories with different themes:

1st to 2nd standard: Theme — left to choice of children. **3rd to 4th std.:** Pet animals. **5th to 7th std.:** Traditional dresses. **8th to 10th std.:** Water conservation.

For registration and more details, call Ph: 0821-2548212 or Mob:94802-81097 or 94489-57905.

Quiz contest

As part of Suttur Jatra, a Quiz contest has also been organised for women groups of Mysuru city. The quiz will be on the topic 'The life and messages of Mahatma Gandhi'.

The contest is limited to six women groups, with only two members allowed to represent each group. The last date for registration is Dec.26. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548212 or 2548122 or Mob: 84532-75727.

Aniketana Trust to celebrate Kuvempu birth anniversary

Mysuru, Dec.23- The city's Aniketana Seva Trust will be celebrating the 115th birth anniversary of Kuvempu at Patrakarthara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road at 10 am on Dec.31. Noted humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda will inaugurate the programme. MDJA President C.K. Mahendra will inaugurate the celebrations.

The Chief Minister's Political Secretary M.B. Maramkal will be the guest of honour.

Corporator M.V. Sridhar, who is also the President of Navabharath Nirman Seva Trust, will be present. Also Rajyotsava awardees from the city Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University; Dr. H.K. Ramanth, noted theatre personality; V.A. Deshpande, former CAVA Dean and Yoga exponent H. Kushi will be felicitated on the occasion. For details, call Mob:94498-41018 or 98452-18453.

Really...?

- ***Arthur Wharton is considered the first black professional footballer in the world.***
- ***The maximum number of goals ever scored was by Stephan Stanis (France) in December 1942.***
- ***80% of the world's footballs are manufactured in Pakistan.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Booming fountains!

Sir,

One can see a couple of fountains springing on Chamaraja Double Road of late. Many dignitaries frequently pass through this road but they don't seem to have taken note of this. Hence this letter. One can witness this scene between 7 am and 10 am.

These fountains erupting from the manholes emanate foul smell in the area during that time, thanks to our City Corporation that has recently taken up unwanted and unscientific footpath works.

On behalf of the residents and tax-paying citizens, I request the MCC to plug this overflow of sewage water.

— Vikram Bajaj Prakash
Mysuru 15.12.2019

Re-introduce Bus Route No.72

Sir,

I am a resident of Mysuru and have been a regular user of the services of Bus Route No.72. Pathetically, to inconvenience all users, the services of this route has been suspended without any information.

School children, women and men in the working class are highly inconvenienced by this sudden development. The route had very few buses plying— it was seen on the route once in 2 hours.

On behalf of the commuters I request the KSRTC authorities to re-introduce this route. Also we need more number of buses so that commuters need not wait inadvertently in the scorching sun for just one bus to arrive and sail them through to their destination.

— A distressed commuter
Mysuru 15.12.2019

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.23- Owing to emergency maintenance works undertaken by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Dec.24) from 10 am to 6 pm:

Megalapura Power Distribution Centre: Tagaduru, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kaulande villages and GP limits, Tummanerale, Hosakote villages, GP limits; Tumbla, Kupya, Chidravalli, Ukkalagere, Somanathapura villages, GP limits and surrounding areas.

Saligrama and Bherya Power Distribution Centre: Thandre, Karpuravalli, Chikkanayakanahalli, Ankanahalli, Melur, Arjunahalli, Hosa Agrahara, Bherya, Kanchinakere, Chikkavaddaragudi and Doddavaddaragudi GP limits and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer.

PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP AWARD CONFERRED TO DR. SOWMYA DINESH

Dr Sowmya Dinesh HR, the city's Fertility Specialist, the Medical Director of Santasa IVF and Endosurgery Institute at Mysore and Hassan has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, United kingdom (FRCOG) in London recently

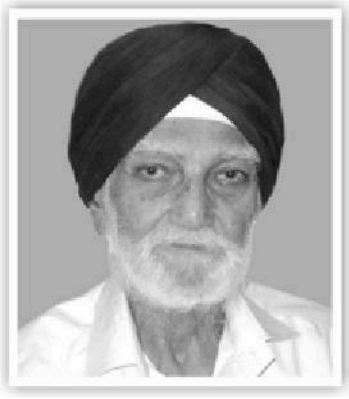
This award recognises her continued contribution made in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology in improving women's health for past 12 or more years in diverse gynaecological societies.

Dr Sowmya Dinesh HR is one of the leading fertility specialists in India. She has made a name in the field of women's health with her continued contributions in the field of reproductive Medicine, clinical research and academia. She has delivered hundreds of Test tube babies and has organized charitable IVF programs which has benefited many couple from less privileged sector. She has spearheaded multiple teaching initiatives, conferences and workshops which have brought together national and international faculty in the field of IVF, Emergency Obstetrics and Foetal medicine to teach the Gyanecologists of the city.

Royal College, London which is celebrating it's 90th year has recognised her involvement in various aspects of reproductive health and humanitarian work and has conferred this award to her.

AdM.

Prayer / Bhog Ardas



S. Gurudayal Singh

Bhog Ardas/ Prayers for the departed Soul of **S. Gurudayal Singh** (Father of Cmdr. T.S. Rakhraj) will be held at Gurudwara, Brindawan Extension, Mysore at 12.00 hours on Wednesday, the 25th December 2019,

Followed by **Guru ka Langar (Lunch)** at 13.00 hours.
All friends and well wishers are requested to attend.

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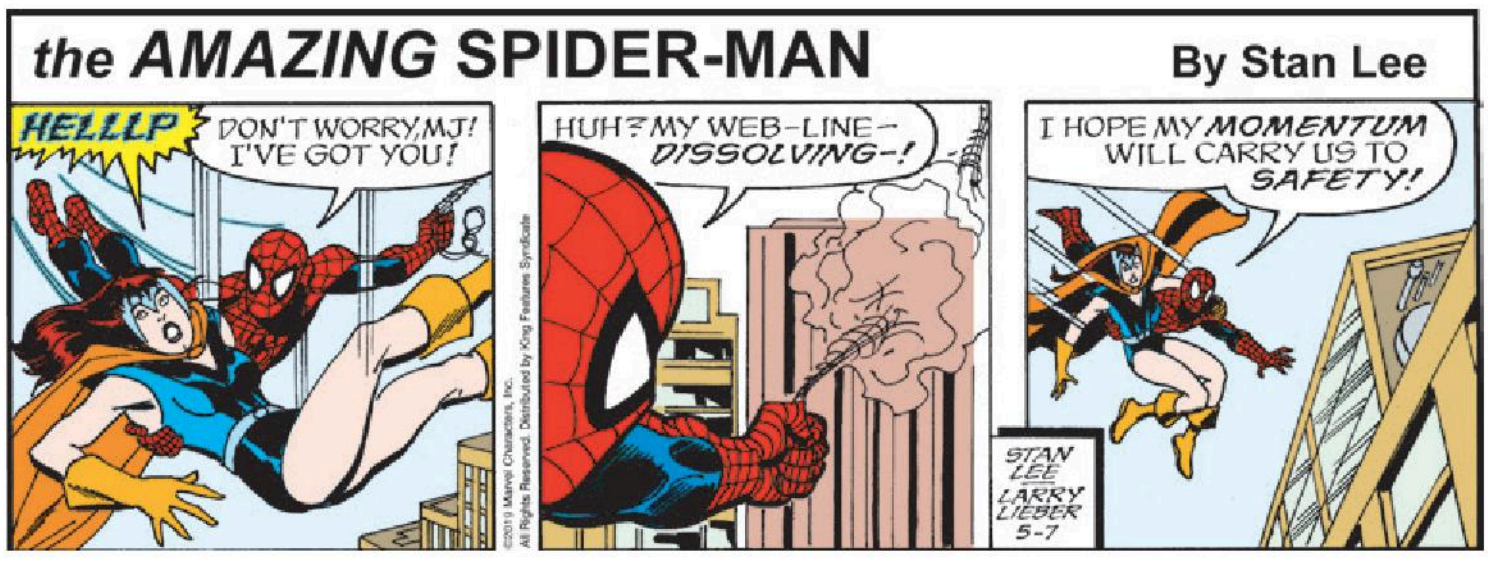
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NEWS BRIEFS

Flower Show at Palace

The Annual Flower Show has been organised by Mysore Palace Board at the Palace premises in city from Dec.24 to 31. District Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate the Flower Show at 4.30 pm tomorrow. MLA S.A. Ramdas will preside.

Sports Day

Farooqia PU College, Tilak Nagar, will be holding Sports Day at its premises tomorrow (Dec.24) at 10 am. University wrestler Ayesha Siddiqa will be the chief guest. College Hon. Secretary Prof. M. Sayeed Ahmed and Principal Ilyas Ahmed Khan will be present. Hon. Treasurer Dr. Syed Abdul Khuddus will preside.

Yakshagana training

Karnataka Yakshagana Academy is offering five-month training in Yakshagana for talented SC youths for the year 2019-20. Applications are invited from renowned, senior Yakshagana teachers (Tenkutittu/ Badagutittu, Mudalapaya, Ghattada -kore, Yakshagana Gombeyata, Talamaddale, etc). Interested teachers can collect the prescribed application form from the Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture and submit the filled-in forms to the Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, Bengaluru - 560002 before Jan.11. [Ph: 080-22113146]

Workshop for farmers on Dec.27

The Horticulture College, Mysuru, will be conducting a day-long workshop on 'Improvised technology in the cultivation of cruciferous vegetables' for farmers at its campus in Yelachanahalli near Yelwal at 10 am on Dec.27. Horticultural scientists, experts in food production, processing and marketing and other resource persons will deliver talks and hold demonstrations. Interested farmers from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Mandya and other districts can register by calling: 81479-59226.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.72 ft
Yesterday	121.83 ft
Inflow	3,540 cusecs
Outflow	4,118 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.64 ft
Inflow	294 cusecs
Outflow	1,050 cusecs

Pharmacists urge Government to fulfil long-pending demands

58th National Pharmacy Week Programme

Mysuru, Dec.23 (PM&DM)- Urging the Government to fulfil the long-pending demands of Government Pharmacists, G.S. Desai, President, All India and Karnataka State Government Pharmacists Association, Bengaluru, has warned of staging a massive protest at Bengaluru on Jan.30, 2020.

Speaking at the 58th National Pharmacy Week organised by Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district unit of Karnataka State Government Pharmacists Association at Hotel President on B.N Road here yesterday, Desai sought service-based promotion to pharmacists and an end to wage disparity.

Claiming that the recent amendment to Schedule K of Drugs and Cosmetics Act enables even Anganwadi and ASHA workers to dispense medicines at National Health Programmes, which would have an adverse bearing on the health of the people, he said that Government pharmacists will function wearing black bands from Jan.2 to 12, 2020, to register their protest against this amendment and also for fulfilment of their demands. Maintaining that over a thousand Pharmacist posts were lying vacant in the State Government, Desai urged the Government to fill them up at the earliest. He also expressed disappointment over the Government's action of sending pharmacists on deputation for carrying out additional workload.

Earlier, Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha, Divisional Joint Director of the Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru, inaugurated the event that had the theme 'Pharmacist: Your Medication Counsellor.'

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Deputy Director of Health and Family Welfare, Mysuru Dr. K.H. Prasad, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh, Pharmacist Association Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Unit President C.L. Somashekar and others were present.

Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha, Divisional Joint Director of the Health and Family Welfare Dept., Mysuru, addressing the gathering during the inauguration of 58th National Pharmacy Week programme in city yesterday.

Woman commits suicide in city

Mysuru, Dec.23 (SBD&KS)- A woman, unable to bear the harassment at her husband's house, committed suicide by hanging self at the house in Raghavendranagar here on Dec.20.

The deceased is Hemavathi (36), wife of Shivaram of Raghavendranagar.

According to the complaint lodged by Hemavathi's father Chikkathammegowda with Nazarbad Police, Hemavathi, a native of Baburayanakoppal near Srirangapatna, was given in marriage to Shivaram 10 years ago and the couple have a nine-year-old daughter.

He has further stated that Hemavathi was being tortured since the day of marriage and on Dec.20, she (Hemavathi) had called him (Chikkathammegowda) over the phone and had told him about the torture.

After half-an-hour, Shivaram called his (Chikkathammegowda) daughter-in-law Puneetha Kumari and told her that Hemavathi had hung herself and when he took her to the hospital, the doctors declared her dead.

Chikkathammegowda in his complaint has urged the Police to take legal action on those responsible for his daughter's death. Nazarbad Police, who have registered a case, have taken Shivaram into custody and are investigating.

'End of Decade Sale'

at Big Bazaar till Jan.1, 2020

Mysuru, Dec.23 (KS)- Big Bazaar, one of the leading hypermarket chain in city, is offering 'End of Decade Sale' which began from Dec.21 in city.

End of Decade Sale by Big Bazaar, is the last chance customers get to buy products at a similar price in which they were sold ten years ago.

The sale includes special 2009 prices on a list of offers from all categories like food, daily essentials, home furnishings, electronics, homeware, luggage, stationary, toys, fashion and more.

One can opt for a new Prestige three burner gas stove MRP Rs.7,295 at just Rs.3,699, Bombay Dyeing bedsheets MRP Rs.999 at Rs.499, Aristocrat hard trolley set of three MRP Rs.20,000 at just Rs.6,999 etc. to name a few.

Kotak Mahindra Bank users can avail an additional 10% discount on a minimum shopping of Rs.3000, up to a maximum of Rs.400, on one transaction during the sale period which concludes on Jan.1, 2020, according to a press release.

Obituary

Mercy Mathew

Mysuru, Dec.23- Mercy Mathew (44), wife of Mathew, proprietor of Suzuki Automobiles at Halladakeri and a resident of Halladakeri, passed away this morning following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, daughter Riya, son Ronn and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass will be held tomorrow (Dec.24) between 10 am and 11 am at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road followed by the burial, according to family sources.

Senior Journalist Veeresh

Periyapatna: Veeresh (57), senior journalist and *Udayavani* correspondent at Periyapatna, passed away this morning following kidney related ailments.

He leaves behind his wife Roopa, son Jeevan and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Ravandur this afternoon, according to family sources.

Speakers express concern over threat to Democracy at Journalism Seminar

Mysuru, Dec.23(RKB&DM)- Maintaining that equality and secular principles form the basic idea of the country, **Senior Journalist and former *Outlook* Editor Krishnaprasad** opined that the country is now facing the threat to democracy from within.

He was speaking in one of the sessions of the two-day National Seminar on *'Media and Democracy'* organised jointly by Gandhi Vichara Parishat and Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Mysore(UoM) at Gandhi Vichara Parishat grounds on Adichunchanagiri Road, Aravindanagar here on Saturday.

Senior Journalist Kumar Ketkar addressing at the two-day National Seminar on Journalism in city on Saturday.

Noting that three out of the four pillars of democracy have already been destroyed, Krishnaprasad wondered whether the media, which is considered as the fourth pillar can save democracy. Pointing out that India is a multi-religion and multi-cultural country, he questioned whether the media can prevent the country from becoming a uni-cultural country.

Claiming that the country is now reeling under an undeclared emergency, Krishnaprasad said that the media had failed in questioning the Government.

Observing that the media has been unable to save democratic principles in the present circumstances, he said that 67 percent of the country's resources is owned by just 1 percent of people, which speaks about the ever growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Asserting that the society too should speak about injustice and discrimination, he urged the media not to spread superstitions among the people.

Alleging that the electronic media is engaged in disturbing harmony, he said that the media cannot tell the truth when they are under threat.

Claiming that the media has lost the power to question the Government, Krishnaprasad regretted that the media was not questioning about the wealth and alleged illegal deals of the son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Replying to a question on whether there was secularism in 1949 and whether Article 370 should have continued even 70 years after independence, the senior journalist claimed that several journalists in Srinagar region were engaged in masonry for their livelihood.

Asserting that he was not here to give a certificate to the Congress Party administration, he maintained that he was only speaking about the flawed laws that were being introduced by the current Government at the Centre.

'Media is a Mayhem'

Rajya Sabha Member and Senior Journalist Kumar Ketkar, who spoke on the topic *'Media is a mayhem',* alleged that intelligence agencies and certain people's representatives are taking control of the media. As such, TV news viewers too are not getting the true facts and a true picture of the country.

He further said that he would thank all those who read newspapers and shun news channels.

'Media Transformation'

Senior Journalist Ravindra Bhat, who spoke on *'Media Transformation'* said that the people nowadays are only 'seeing' newspapers instead of reading them. Arguing that the people must understand that social media is more dangerous than the print media, he said that the media which is considered as a watchdog, will not bark or bite if one gets familiar with it.

Replying to a question, he said that the editorials in newspapers will not be against public opinion.

'Religion and Propaganda'

Writer Lakshmish Tolpady of Puttur, who spoke on *'Religion and Propaganda'* said that a human being cannot achieve big in life without discovering the truth. He further said that exploring the truth holds key for sustenance of our multi-cultural society.

'How free is the Media'

Seema Mustafa, Editor, *'The Citizen'* of New Delhi, who spoke on the topic *'How free is the Media',* opined that journalists today seem to be more interested in promoting themselves rather than portraying the burning problems that the country is facing. Stating that journalists must realise that they are not celebrities, she argued that journalists must all the more be concerned about maintaining the health of the society.

Valedictory function

The valedictory was held on Sunday, during which **Senior Activist Dr. G. Ramakrishna** took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for speaking about a five-trillion economy and asked him whether he knew how many zeros are there in a trillion.

Alleging that Modi was creating a mania among the people by frequently speaking of a five-trillion economy, he alleged that the media too is engaged in glorifying this. Accusing the media of failing to correctly analyse even simple situations, he urged the media to be more responsible and paint a true picture of the situations.

'Breaking News'

Senior Journalist Ravi Hegde, who spoke on the topic *'Learn to Lead Life amidst Breaking News',* opined that the term 'Breaking News' itself had become a big joke.

Maintaining that there was a time when news were heard with interest and respect, he said that the trend of 'Breaking News' has turned commercial and also makes the people feel circumspect about the certainty of the news itself. Regretting the rising trend of spreading 'Fake News', Hegde said that the fierce competition among TV channels for TRP rating was the main reason behind the rush for 'Breaking News' of TV channels.

Another **Senior Journalist D. Umapathy** said that the news anchors of most of the TV channels seem to be speaking in favour of a party. Alleging that a majority of the media had become a pet dog of the ruling class, he opined that the media instead of interacting with the salaried class, should question the leaders or the capitalists who earn from the toil of the working class, who sweat it out for making a living.

'Developmental Journalism'

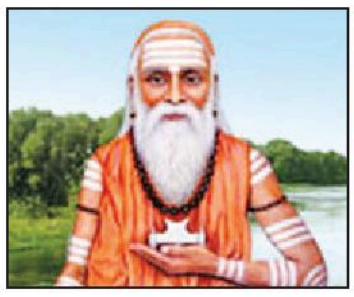
Writer and Journalist Dr. R. Poornima, who spoke on the topic *'Developmental Journalism',* said that journalism is losing its dignity as the tendency to switch sides has continued unabated. Asserting that developmental journalism has lost its sheen, she said there is an environment now where developmental journalism means development of the owners.

A. Hariprasad, a Senior TV Presenter, recalled that late Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs had declined the party ticket to an industrialist for contesting the polls, citing that politics was not for industrialists. Maintaining that anchors of some channels were expressing their views impartially, he said that as for himself, he often speaks as an opposition party on many issues.

Former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who is also the Hon. Vice-President of Gandhi Vichara Parishat, presided over the valedictory function. UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and others were present.

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jayanti tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.23 (MTY&US)- The 1060th Jayanti of Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi will be celebrated in a simple manner at Suttur Srikshetra tomorrow owing to the recent flood havoc.



Disclosing this at a press meet yesterday, Jayanti Mahotsava Samithi Secretary S. Shivakumaraswamy said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and heads of several other Mutts would grace the occasion. The puja rituals will begin tomorrow at 3 am at Karthru Gaddige with Rudrabhisheka and Sahasra Bilwa Pushparchane. A procession carrying the idol of Sri Shivarathreeshwara will be launched at 8.30 am by District Minister V. Somanna. Vachana Gayana and devotional music are arranged at 9 am, Shivadeekshe and Lingadeekshe are arranged at 5 pm. Mahamangalarathi and Prakarothsava at 7 pm, he explained.

The 71st birthday celebration of Sri Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji of Surya Simhasana Mutt, Vatal, T. Narasipur taluk will also be held on the occasion.

Those desirous to have Shivadeekshe - Lingadeekshe should register today. The festival will be held at Malavalli next year, said Shivakumaraswamy.

Suttur Jathra: Chitra Santhe

A Chitra Santhe is arranged as part of the Suttur Jathra to be held at Suttur Srikshetra from Jan. 21 to 26. The event will feature a conference of artistes, an expo of paintings. A sketch of any visitor to the expo will be drawn on the spot and made available for a price.

For more information, call Ph: 0821-2548212 or Mob. 98440-79269, 94802-81097or e-mail: to *jsschitrasanthe2016@gmail.com*

New-model ration cards to be introduced in State

New Delhi, Dec.23 - After 'One Nation-One Tax' initiative of GST (Goods and Services Tax), the BJP headed NDA Government has now come up with the idea of 'One Nation - One Ration Card', for which it has developed a new model card.

The Centre will be implementing this new initiative on a pilot basis in six States, including Karnataka, on Jan.1, 2020.

The initiative enables a ration card holder in one State to buy rations under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in an another State with the help of this new card.

This facility will be of great help to a family or a person shifting location to another State. The idea behind this initiative is that no poor person or family should be deprived of ration, for want of a ration card of that particular State.

Apart from this, the new initiative will also help in weeding out fake BPL Card holders. The new initiative is being implemented through IMPDS (Integrated Management of Public Distribution System), an online Data Base.

Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Listening to Lead...

Leadership is a process of listening, interpreting what we listen to, and then intervening with the appropriate action. Most people equate intervention and action as the expression of leadership without recognising that socially productive leadership action can be optimal only when they are based on deep listening that goes beyond its traditional appreciation. Listening, both as an art and science, is now well-researched and studied and India's scriptural wisdom is replete with examples of how to listen optimally.

As a young physician several decades ago, I was sitting along with a medical student from the USA examining patients in our rural-tribal hospital. He found it strange that I seemed to have a prescriptive tendency in my interactions with the patients and had a 'solution framework' for all those whom I examined and treated. He felt that I was telling patients 'what to do' rather than involving them in the decision-making process and arriving at 'what needed to be done' as part of their treatment. It was evident that I, as the doctor seemed to know all about how to treat the disease and was operating out of my acquired competence.

My interaction was more of a monologue driven by my operating from the space of 'knowing' what the solution to the problem was. I felt that I was trained for exactly this kind of work and believed that I was doing my best for the patients after listening to their history. The paradox for this intern was that patients expected me to be the 'know all' and wanted me to be prescriptive. My engaging them in deciding the course of treatment in the cultural context that I operated in, would have seemed like a half-baked doctor not knowing how to do his job. I was operating here from the space of information and knowledge 'downloaded' to me through years of study and training.

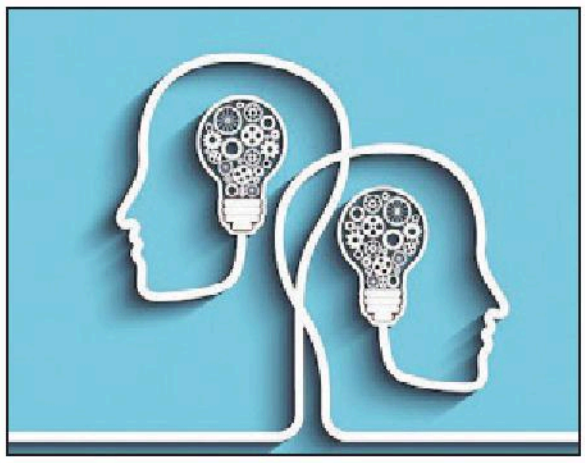
This kind of listening is considered as the 'I in I' where I operate from my ego and tell the other what he needs to do. It operates from a space where one is thinking and interpreting from one's own preformed patterns and is constantly reconfirming what one already knows. The distinction between me and the other is clear and well-differentiated. In the leadership context, it is like a well-trained expert whose competence is accepted and instructions complied with, by people who are the 'followers' and who have placed their trust and faith in the leader's expertise.

Consider another situation at an International conference, where I saw and heard two professors argue about the leadership model that each one practiced. The discussion seemed to be polite but the disagreement genuine. Each one trying to convince the other that his views driven by his expertise was valid. Both heard the other, had his own arguments that differed from the other, but decided to be cordial about the entire disagreement. Each one's thinking was driven by their own training and experience and both sounded very convincing with their points of view.

This kind of situations are where we can say that the 'I' and the 'other' are separate and are listening from a 'data driven' perspective. Either party needs to be convinced of the arguments of the other or they need to agree to disagree and leave it at that. Whatever action that emerges will be driven by the soundness of the argument of one along with the need to reconcile, in the other. It is in this mode of listening can debates and dialogues happen and one is constantly exposed to new data beyond what one already knows and it demands that both the parties have an open mind.

Compare this with another situation that I had experienced a few years ago. Watching one of our doctors perform in our rural hospital was a real lesson in empathic listening. She genuinely felt for the woman that she was examining and resonated with the problem of this patient. The doctor's heart went out for the patient and it seemed as though the doctor herself felt the pain and discomfort of the patient. This kind of listening is where the separateness of the 'listener' (the 'I') and the 'listened to' (the other) continues to exist but the 'I' becomes the 'other' during the process of listening and understands with empathy what the other is trying to say. This is the space where an emotional connection is created and one learns to put oneself in the other's shoes and is driven by an open heart.

Real deep listening driven by the *Advaitic* thinking is a space where there is no speaker or a listener, where one is the speaker, the listener and the message that is spoken. In this space of absolute oneness is the highest expression of listening and communication. It is in



this space of intense self-awareness where the Self dissolves into the other, can a co-generated solution to any issue arise. It is in operating in this space does the expression of leadership operate with the intensity that can hope to solve the world's problems. While the urgency and immediacy of action in today's complex and dynamic world makes it difficult to appreciate and practice this kind of co-generative listening, one can train oneself to be mindful and learn to operate from a space of true openness. This not only transcends the stages of debate and dialogue, but opens up the possibility of a co-creating a future that is acceptable to all involved. This is exactly what the world lacks today and much of the world's problems could be solved if many of our leaders had the ability and the intent to practice this level of listening.

Realistically speaking, leadership is about understanding the context in which one is operating and asking oneself what kind of listening would lead to the best possible action outcomes. One may have to learn to rapidly move from one stage of listening to the other and learn to act based on the context and the urgency of the situation. And only when one is mindful of oneself, the other with whom the 'self' is constantly interacting, and the context in which this 'self' is operating can one truly hope to exercise the leadership that the world desperately needs.

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Replica of Seven Wonders of the World

Cake Show by Dolphin at Gruha Shobhe

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (KS)- Gruha Shobhe, the living style expo which began on Dec. 20 at Maharaja's College Grounds, has some unique cakes on display by Dolphin Bakes N Ice Creams this time apart from the regular electronics and other household items like Solar products, water purifiers, power savers, refrigerators, washing machines, kitchen equipment etc.

Being the 10th edition of the Cake Show by Dolphin, they have created the replicas of the Seven Wonders of the World. The cake replicas on display are: Petra in Jordan (600 kg, 5.5 ft height x 10 ft length x 4 ft breadth), The Great Wall of China (750 kg, 5 ft height x 12 ft length x 4 ft breadth), Chichen Itza, Mexico (800 kg, 5 ft height x 8 ft length x 8 ft breadth), Taj Mahal (1,750 kg, 7 ft height, 16 ft length x 16 ft breadth), Christ, The Redeemer Statue at Brazil (750 kg, 9.5 ft height x 8 ft length x 4 ft breadth), Machu Picchu at Peru (500 kg, 4.5 ft height x 10 ft length x 6 ft breadth) and The Colosseum in Italy (300 kg, 5 ft height x 10 ft length x 6 ft breadth).

Gruha Shobhe, which also has various food stalls and an amusement place for children, will be open to public from 11 am to 9 pm till Dec. 29. Entry fee is Rs. 30 and parking is free.

Reliving 'Malgudi' Memories at RKN Museum

Prakash and Vidya couple of Chennai, now settled in the US, pose in front of the RKN Museum at Yadavagiri recently along with their children.

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Located at D-14, Vivekananda Road at the opulent lane of Yadavagiri, the museum is a literary pilgrimage centre to students, teachers and research scholars of English literature. The house stands on a site measuring 90 ft x120 ft totalling 10,800 square feet. The house once owned by Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer Narayanaswami (R.K. Narayan (1906-2001) has been converted into a museum on the lines of the Shakespeare's Memorial at Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, United Kingdom.

House saved from demolition

The house was acquired and restored by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at a cost of over Rs. 35 lakh. The bungalow, which was being demolished by a builder, was acquired by MCC, following public demand. It was later declared as a heritage property and purchased from Narayan's grandchildren, Bhuvaneshwari and Srinivasan on 7.9.2011 for Rs. 2.4 crore with the funds allocated under Karnataka Urban and Rural Plan Act, 1961.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, the present Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, was the then MUDA Commissioner (he later became the MCC Commissioner) when the acquisition was done and he played a vital role in taking over, renovating and converting the house as a museum.

House built in 1948

Narayan wrote in his autobiography, *My Days,* how he decided to build the house in 1948 after his landlord kept badgering him to vacate the rented home he had lived in for many years. He moved to the Yadavagiri house after five years. "I kept my Yadavagiri house as a retreat for writing," he recalls in *My Days*. "I divided my time between Laxmipuram and Yadavagiri, enjoying the company of the family in one and of my books and papers in the other."

A multi-storey luxury apartment was supposed to come up on the site. When this news began to spread, there was opposition to the demolition by fans of the writer and heritage activists in Mysuru. By the time the MUDA stepped in and declared the house a "heritage building", some parts had already been knocked down. It took five years for the house to be renovated and converted into a museum.

A befitting memorial

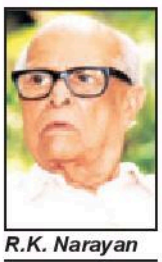
The saved, acquired, strengthened and refurbished house is a befitting memorial for the author who was known for his simplistic style of writing, ability to juxtapose fiction with reality and to subtly embed simple yet deep lessons in the minds of the readers. The building is called 'R.K. Narayan's House'.

RKN's silver stainless steel plaque welcomes a visitor to a whitewashed sprawling building with a lush green garden and among them a large Frangipani tree. The double-storeyed house is pretty much like the man himself — Spartan. Its airy and sun-lit appearance, peeping through the greenery around, is the first thing that hits a visitor. The red cemented floor will take a visitor back by 50 years.

Exhibits in the museum

The ground floor exhibits his furniture, a luxurious chair and a writing table; the walls are studded with framed awards: Sahitya Akademi, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan, among others, honorary doctorate certificates, pictures of the writer when he was five, another with his wife in 1933, and his only daughter Hema and a family photograph. Narayan's study, which he described as "a bay-room with eight windows affording me a view in every direction", lies on the upper floor.

The first floor displays clothes and a small library. There is a pair of white shirts, a grey coat, a tattered sweater and a checked muffler. Narayan's personal library, apart from his own books translated into various foreign languages, houses the works of literary giants like Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Ishiguro, Arthur Miller and Nietzsche.



R.K. Narayan

Assortment of overcoats

This room also has a curved wall with five windows which used to give the writer a 180-degree view. It is said that these five windows showed him five different perspectives to look at the world outside. A staircase and inner verandah separate two more rooms and bathroom from the living area. Behind the main living room is a kitchen. Several of his shirts and an assortment of overcoats have also been put on display.

The museum is open for visitors from 10 am to 5 pm except on Tuesdays and national holidays. It is open on all Sundays, Second Saturdays and Fourth Saturday.

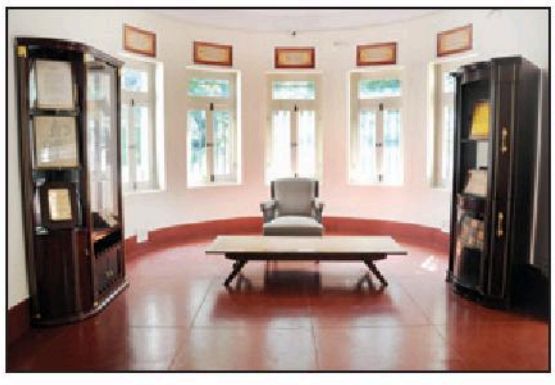
Anand Kumar is the supervisor and he says that on an average 10 to 100 visitors come to this house daily with a surge of visitors during the weekend. There is a Visitor's Book where the views of people are recorded.

Minister Suresh Kumar's role

BJP leader and Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar has heaped praises on the MCC and MUDA in his noting recorded on 3.7.2017 (when he was MLA). He says that the museum is a befitting tribute for the loved writer and appreciated the efforts of MCC and MUDA for saving the structure.

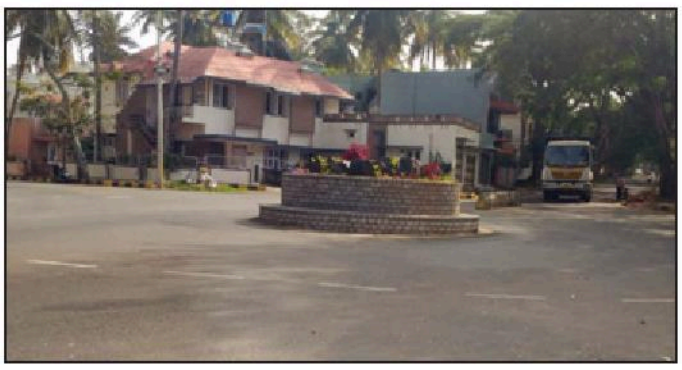
Notably, in September 2011, when locals began staging protests demanding that the Government preserve the building, Suresh Kumar was the then Urban Development Minister. He too showed interest in revamping the building and turning it into a museum.

Prakash and Vidya couple, based from Chennai and now settled in USA, had come to the museum recently along with their children Dhwani and Dhruthi. Vidya, an English teacher, said that the museum honours the writer's memory. "Admirers of his writing can now look out of the same window like Narayan did while conjuring up the delightful world of Malgudi," she told *Star of Mysore*.



The chair used by the celebrated writer of 'Malgudi'. *Picture right:* ***The large Frangipani tree adjacent to the RKN Museum compound in Yadavagiri, Mysuru.***

R.K. Narayan Circle works in limbo



The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has planned to convert the present Joy Ice-cream-Ideal Jawa Circle at Yadavagiri into R.K. Narayan Circle. It is a sprawling Circle where five roads meet and it is at a close distance to the 'R.K. Narayan's House'.

The MCC had some time back proposed to install a statue of R.K. Narayan playing with Swami, a character in his first novel *'Swami and His Friends'* that he wrote in 1935 and published with Graham Greene's support. Later, Narayan wrote continuously for almost 60 years. Swami is also a character in the serialisation of many of his stories in the television series *"Malgudi Days"* that contributed to the popularity of RKN's work beyond the reading public.

Through the statue, the MCC wanted people crossing the Circle relive the golden memories of the celebrated author and his little Swami. However, the works on the Circle did not take off though the MCC built a Circular Pedestal to house the statue.

There is a demand from a section of people around the area who want to erect the statue of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar there while another group wants the MCC to install a statue of the iconic Jawa Bike that was produced at the erstwhile Ideal Jawa Factory that functioned from Yadavagiri, a few metres from the Circle. Caught in the crossfire is Narayan-Swami statue as the MCC has kept the works pending.

Dognapping!

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Hidden and kept for breeding

"I have seen many expensive pedigree dogs in some of the estates in Ooty and Kodagu. These are stolen dogs hidden and kept for breeding. Some breeders use pedigree dogs and abandon them once they are past their breeding life span," says Vinod and adds that dogs are stolen from Mysuru and transported to Kodagu, Bengaluru or Ooty where they are used for breeding. "This is a big racket and sadly, no action is being taken by the Police," Vinod regrets.

Organised gangs

Animal activists and pet lovers who have lost their loved ones believe that organised gangs are behind the theft and kidnapping of dogs. Some of these unscrupulous elements are known for cruel breeding practices. The dogs are kept in cramped cages in dirty and deplorable conditions. "Many a times there is poor hygiene, no veterinary care and rough handling of pets by untrained workers," says Raghav whose German Shepherd was stolen and abandoned near his house. Increasing demand for exotic breeds has made this an active industry where pets are stolen from families and treated as commodities. This leads to a cycle of exploitation of the females, in which the breeders keep getting them pregnant to produce as many pups as possible.

"Luckily I got my Bubbly back"

B.V. Raghav's German Shepherd Bubbly was stolen from his house in Krishnamurthypuram on April 12 this year. But he was lucky as he got back his pet. "My dog was taken to a place during night using force and they kept it for five days. Realising that the dog is not willing to listen to any of their commands, they left the dog near my house," says Raghav. Dogs are hardcore loyalists and it takes time for it to adjust to a new owner. "Unfortunately, while leaving back my dog, thieves had tied the neck-belt tight. I found it and immediately released the belt," he explains.

"I paid Rs. 5,000 to get back Gohan from a kennel"

Siddharth's White Labrador, Gohan, wearing a purple collar, was stolen from his house on Ashoka Road on Dec. 3 this year. He had to pay Rs. 5,000 to a kennel owner to get his pet back. "My dog was stolen and desperate to find him I posted newspaper advertisements and posted the pet photos on social media. Through contacts, I discovered that the pet was sold to a kennel in Siddhartha Layout for Rs. 4,500. I had to pay Rs. 5,000 to get my dog back," he says.

"Fortunately, the kennel owner had video-recorded the moment when my pet was sold to him. The footage clearly shows the image of the pet thief. I later approached the Lashkar Police Station and handed over the footage and image and asked them to file a complaint," he reveals.

Siddharth alleged that the Police refused to accept his complaint as the person in the photograph was a "habitual offender" and it would be improper for him to "mess with him". "I repeatedly called the Police Station to follow-up on the complaint and the reply I got is that they are yet to arrest him and he is a habitual offender," he says.

"As the Police do not take action against such persons, the thieves are fearless and continue their criminal activities," he reasons.

"Golden Retriever Tiara was the apple of my eye"

Mohammad Nayeem's female Golden Retriever Tiara was stolen from Bannimantap on Feb. 18 this year and he still longs for his pet and has no idea where it has been taken. "My house is near the Columbia Asia Hospital junction and I suspect that the thieves hit the highway after lifting my pet. We searched for it for days and printed pamphlets, posters and distributed in the neighbourhood. We also placed newspaper ads and visited almost all kennels in Mysuru searching for Tiara," he says.

Tiara had golden hair and was very friendly. "There is a big racket of pet breeding and the thieves sell the dogs to breeders in Kodagu, Ooty and Bengaluru and many friends of mine say that pet breeding is a big industry where the dogs are forced to breed. A puppy costs anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000 and if a breeder manages to cross one golden retriever with another and obtain 6 puppies per year, he can earn in lakhs," he says.

Tiara was stolen using biscuits as bait and the incident occurred when Nayeem's watchman was inside the house and not near the gate. "The thieves managed to enter my house compound and coax Tiara despite the presence of a Doberman (considered ferocious) in the compound. They are professional thieves and a nearby bar's CCTV footage shows my dog following a person wearing a hooded jacket," he says.

Nayeem approached the N.R. Police Station but the Police refused to file an FIR against "unknown persons". Now even if they find Tiara, she will be loyal to the new owner and will not recognise me," he says with a sad smile.

"Two bike-borne men stole Tipsy and sold him off"

Sumanth's Labrador Tipsy was stolen on September 15 this year near Infosys campus at Hebbal. "I and my wife were walking and Tipsy was following us. Two men came on a bike and fed biscuits to him and bundled him on the bike and fled. We did not realise this until we saw the bike from far. Fortunately, this incident was recorded in CCTV camera placed on a house. We managed to secure the footage," Sumanth explained.

The dog was sold to a kennel in Hebbal. "We came to know about this and showed the CCTV footage to the kennel owner and asked him to return the dog. He obliged as it is illegal to keep stolen dogs. We got Tipsy back after 6 days," he reveals.

"Scoobee's throat was swollen due to barking at the thief's place"

On Dec. 19 this year, Areyada Mandanna's three-year-old White/brown Scoobee was stolen from his house at Mandi Mohalla-Kesare Border at 6.30 pm. After he advertised in newspapers and posted the photos on social media, he got a call from a person from Bengaluru who had come to Mysuru that my pet was standing on the Rajendranagar main road," he says.

"The thieves had taken my dog and after it created ruckus at their place by continuously barking and howling, the thieves abandoned the dog in Rajendranagar. My Scoobee is very gentle but obedient and the thieves could not pacify him. When I found the dog, its throat was infected and swollen due to continuous barking," Mandanna reveals. He then approached the N.R. Mohalla Police Station to file an FIR. "Though the Police came to Rajendranagar and my house, the FIR was not booked. They promised me that they will scan the CCTV footages in the area and nail the thieves but nothing has happened. I did not follow-up as I got back my dog," he says.

Ruby the cat with a bell goes missing

Uthappa'a pet cat Ruby went missing from Racoon Rooms, Contour Road, Gokulam Third Stage from Dec.10 this year. She was one year old with black and grey stripes and had a red collar with a bell around its neck. The feline has not returned home since then. "After we placed advertisements in newspapers, we got a couple of calls from people about a wandering cat. But it was not our Ruby and we are missing it a lot. The cat was vary playful and was part of our family," Uthappa says.

Canine Club President urges Police to book cases

B.P. Manjunath

Reacting to the theft of dogs, Canine Club of Mysore President B.P. Manjunath clarified that kennel clubs have no role in the theft. "Kennel Clubs are not breeders and clubs only organise dog shows. Owners must be careful and ensure that microchips are embedded on dogs so that it becomes easy for them to trace the pets," he said.

Mentioning about the incident where Rs. 8 crore worth Alaskan Malamute was stolen in Bengaluru, Manjunath said that the owner should have provided security to the dog as it is worth crores. "In Mysuru too I am seeing that many dogs are being stolen and sod to kennels. I will discuss in a meeting of Kennel Clubs scheduled tomorrow and urge the Police to book cases and take action," he said.

Mine Diamond Festival at Malabar Store

The Mine Diamond Festival at Malabar Gold & Diamonds, B.N. Road, Mysuru, was inaugurated by the jewellery showroom customers on Dec.13 in the presence of Store Head P. Sharafuddeen and staff. The Mine Diamond Festival will be on till Jan.19, 2020.

National Farmers' Day

Farmers groomed on agricultural implements

Mysuru, Dec.23 (RKB&US)- Marking National Farmers' Day commemorating birth anniversary of former PM late Chaudhary Charan Singh, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Agriculture and other organisations had organised a workshop on 'Quality of agricultural implements' at Curzon Park this morning.

About 100 farmers participated in the workshop who were groomed on agricultural implements and marketing of these implements. Inaugurating the programme ZP President Parimala Shyam observed that the recent floods had badly hit agricultural crops driving farmers to desperation. However she advised farmers not to lose confidence.

Addressing farmers, Agriculture Scientist Dr. Arun Balamatti opined that agricultural yield should be expected in proportion to the capacity and fertility of the soil. He maintained that failure would be imminent if the expectation is disproportionate. He pointed out that farmers should assess their economic status, judge the condition of soil and take up agriculture with a scientific approach. He also stressed the importance of market demand before deciding on which crop should be grown. He asked farmers to ensure supply of seeds and fertilizer on time to plan the agricultural process properly.

ZP CEO K. Jyothi presided. ADC Poornima, ZP Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar, Dist. Krishik Samaj President Kalmalli Shivakumar, Horticulture Department Deputy Director K. Rudresh, Agriculture Department Joint Director Dr. M. Mahanteshappa and Dy. Director (Mandya) Ramakrishna were present.

JMM-Congress alliance ahead in close race in Jharkhand

Ranchi, Dec. 23- Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-Congress alliance which is ahead in the close race in Jharkhand during the counting of votes taken up this morning is all set to form the Government in Jharkhand. The elections were conducted in 81 Assembly seats of the State in five phases from Nov. 30 to Dec. 20.

Celebrations have started in the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress camp as the alliance took lead over the ruling BJP (42 to 28) during the counting of votes. 41 is the majority mark in the 81-seat House.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das said it was "too early" to comment on the trends. For the BJP, the results will be crucial. The BJP lost Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to Congress last year. This year, after its huge victory in the Lok Sabha election, Maharashtra slipped out of its grasp as it fell out with ally Shiv Sena over power sharing.

Speaking to reporters, Das has expressed confidence that the BJP will form the government again. The Congress-JMM alliance, meanwhile, says it should be invited first by Governor Draupadi Murmu over the BJP. The Congress is also in touch with Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik), which, along with AJSU, was eyeing the kingmaker role in the 81-seat Assembly.

The battle for the Jharkhand Chief Minister seat is mainly between incumbent Raghubar Das, who is leading from Jamshedpur East, and JMM leader Hemant Soren, the son of Shibu Soren, who is leading from Barhait, but trailing from Dumka, when we went to the press.

JD(S) stages protest against CAA

Mysuru, Dec.23 (RK&DM)- Even as protests continue across the country against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens(NRC), the JD(S) jumped into the bandwagon by staging a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here this morning.

Raising slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Union Government, MLA S.R. Mahesh who addressed the JD(S) workers, alleged that the Central Government was out to curtail the rights of the people by introducing CAA and NRC. Terming the Centre's move as unconstitutional, he said that the JD(S) will strongly oppose the implementation of the CAA and NRC.

Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, Corporators Prema Shankaregowda, Reshma Banu, Namrata Ramesh, Dawood Khan and Rafiq Ahmed, ZP member Madegowda, leaders K.V. Mallesh, Narasimhaswamy, R. Muthuraj, Abdullah, R. Lingappa and others were present.

Priest cons woman in the guise of performing puja

Takes gold *mangalya* and returns fake one

Mysuru, Dec.23 (MK&KS)- A priest, in the pretext of performing puja to ward off evil that was lurking on her husband, took her 60 grams gold chain to perform the puja and returned a fake gold chain to her at Ramakrishnanagar in city.

The woman, who was conned by the priest is Indira, a teacher at a private school in Raichur and a resident of Nanjangud.

On Dec.15, Indira had come to a private hospital in city as her children were suffering from illness during which a person at the hospital asked her to visit Ganesha Temple at Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block and perform puja.

Following the stranger's advice, Indira went to the temple and performed puja during which Priest Phanish told her that evil eyes had fallen on her children and told her that he would perform puja which would cost her Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000.

When the priest took her gold *mangalya* chain, he told her that evil eyes had also fallen on her *mangalya* which may result in danger to her family especially her husband and advised her to perform a homa to her *mangalya*.

The priest then took her gold *mangalya* chain weighing 60 grams and while performing the homa, he allegedly put the fake gold *mangalya* in a box, performed puja to it and gave the box to Indra asking her not to open the box till a month, failing which her family would be in danger.

India, who returned home, opened the box after three days and found the fake *mangalya* chain instead of the original gold *mangalya* chain and came to know that she has been conned.

Priest Phanish has gone absconding and the Police have launched a hunt to nab him, said Kuvempunagar Inspector Raju.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

By S.B.S.Surendran
Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Creating vibrant spaces

Feng Shui is not just about building structures, which are supposed to usher in 'luck' but a lot more. It is the art of spacing, positioning, planning and orienting not just the structure but also the furnishings to offer greater support to the occupants. In short, it is the study of the energy around the occupants, its cause and effect and the effect of the immediate surroundings or environment.

The principles of Feng Shui or Vastu can be applied either for an independent house or for apartment dwelling. Space is the fundamental source and energy for all things, for their origination and for their existence. This important scientific concept, the tradition of ancient Feng Shui or Vastu has been holding with it from times immemorial.

Designing spaces on the principles of Feng Shui or Vastu helps to diminish the problems of the occupants that relates to wealth, health, prosperity and happiness just by making a slight changes to your interior or exterior building configurations. Feng Shui, the Ancient Chinese Art of space design, has the same basis and the most important factor is to bring in what is known as 'Life Force' or 'Chi' energy into premises which empowers then occupants with positive feel.

Feng Shui has been adjusting the environment for thousands of years by adding or subtracting items from the environment to create smoother and harmonious energy. A proper understanding of the five elements, its influence on the occupants gives an insight in designing our living space more harmoniously.

Feng Shui and Vastu enhance the feel of the place and in turn act as a catalyst and motivational tool to the occupants to bring out the best in them. Yet there are many homes which have adapted the tenets of Vastu and Feng Shui and experience obstacles in their day to day activities and feel low and let down.

Avoid stairs directly in line with main door especially those which are going downwards as it is said that the energy roll away.

In order for energy to flow powerfully and for your space to support your mental and emotional well-being, the clutter must be cleared. The key is not just eliminating clutter from your environment, but from your mind and heart too. If you experience a situation of being plagued by inconsistency in your thoughts, actions and lack of concentration, then Feng Shui for your mind is very essential and could improve the situation.

In a good Feng Shui house floor plans, the main door should not be directly aligned with another door or a large window.

The door should also not align with a toilet door or closet and if it does have a toilet, place a divider or shield in the form of curtain or plants to block the line of sight of the main door.

Avoid stairs directly in line with main door especially those which are going downwards as it is said that the energy roll away.

Bathroom is ruled by the planet moon and represents a place of cleansing and rejuvenation. Toilets should not be too close to kitchen as the food energy and toilet energies are incompatible.

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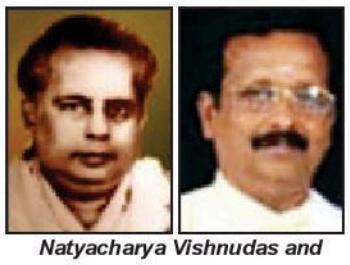
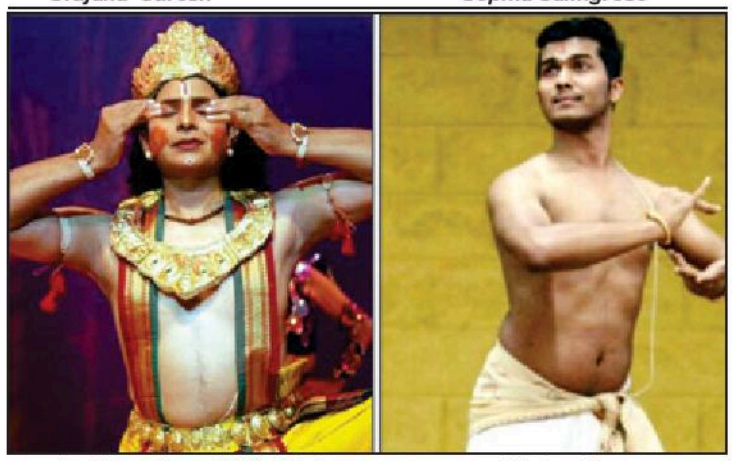
'Guru Namana' and 'Noopurotsava' in city from tomorrow



Natyacharya Vishnudas and Guru Prof. K. Ramamurthy

Srujana Suresh *Sophia Salingrose*



Dr. Shreedhar Akkihebbalu *Vishwadeep*

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust has organised 'Guru Namana' in memory of *Natyacharya* late M. Vishnudas and 'Noopurotsava' from Dec.24 to 27 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar here.

Noopura Trust was started by **Guru Prof. K. Ramamurthy,** a disciple of Vid. Vishnudas. The Dance Festival, in collaboration with The Department of Kannada and Culture, will be inaugurated on **Dec.24** by H. Chennappa, Assistant Director, Dept. of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru at 6 pm. **Srujana Suresh** will present a Bharatanatyam recital at 6.30 pm. At 7.30 pm, **Sophia Salingrose (USA)** will present a Bharatanatyam recital.

On Dec.25, students of Vidu. Shubharani Bolar of Bengaluru will give a Bharatanatyam programme at 6.30 pm. 'Yoga and Nrutya' is the title of Dance-Drama conceived and directed by **Dr. Shreedhar Akkihebbalu** from the USA, along with **Vid. P. Praveen Kumar** of Chitkala School of Dance that will be staged at 7.30 pm.

On Dec.26 at 6.30 pm, **Vid. Vishwadeep** will present a Bharatanatyam recital and at 7.30 pm, **Shreenija Wodeyar** from the USA will perform Bharatanatyam.

On Dec.27 at 6.15 pm, 'Guru Namana' will be offered to *Natyaguru* Vishnudas. **Disciples of *Natyacharya* Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao** will present 'Vishnudas Baani' Bharatanatyam. At 7.15 pm, **Vid. K. Guruprasad** will be honoured with 'Noopurashree' award. K.V. Murthy will preside and Vidu. Pankaja Ramakrishnaiah will be the chief guest. The dance programme will continue from 7.45 pm onwards.

About *Natyacharya* Vishnudas

He was born in a remote village Mardhambile of Kasargod district in 1927. He migrated to Mysuru at the age of 20 and learnt dance under Vid. K.S. Rajagopal and Vidu. Puttakkayya for eight years. He learnt classical music from Rajashekharayya (Puttu Master) and became a good singer, dancer and nattuvanar.

He started 'Shree Saraswathi Nrutya Kala Mandira' in Mysuru and taught a number of students. He has choreographed many dance numbers and taught them. More than 30 of his disciples have secured State-level Ranks in the Dance Examinations conducted by Karnataka Government. He taught his students till his last day, 27.12.1991.

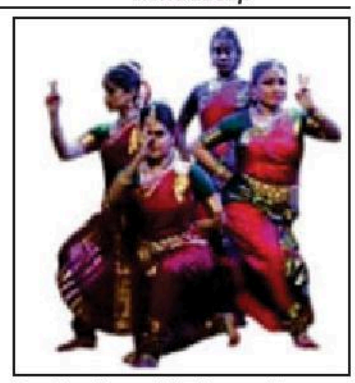
A short profile of artistes

Prof. Ramamurthy Rao: He is a dancer, singer, director, organiser and a reviewer. He was a disciple of *Natyacharya* Vishnudas and a rank holder in all the Dance Examinations. He has given a number of lectures and conducted many dance workshops.

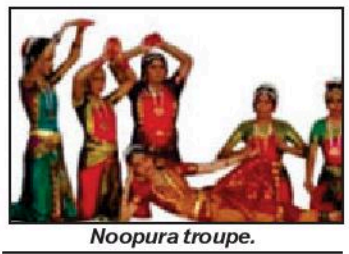
Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy has published two of his books *'Natya Saraswathi Jatti Thayamma'* and *'Nrutya Darpana.'* He is actively participating in many dance institutions and is a Secretary of 'Bharatheeya Nrutyakala Parishat', 'Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust' and 'JSS Sangeetha Sabha'.

He runs his own 'Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust' where he has trained hundreds of students. He has served as a lecturer in Commerce in many JSS educational institutions and retired as a Principal in JSS College, Nanjanagud. He has received many awards like 'Gunagrahi', 'Adarsha Seva Ratna', 'Viprashree', etc.

Srujana Suresh: She is a student of Bala Vishwanath, Director of 'Neelalaya Nrutya Kendra, Tumakuru.



Dr. Shubharani Bolar and troupe.



Noopura troupe.

Sophia Salingrose (USA) is a disciple of Dr. Sridhar Akkihebbal, U.S.A.

Dr. Shubharani Bolar studied under *Natyacharya* K. Muraleedhar Rao. She is the Director of 'Bharata Nrutya Sangeetha Academy', Bengaluru.

Dr. Shreedhar Akkihebbalu: A student of Vidu. Narmada, Dr. Shreedhar is settled in America. He is the Director of 'Natya Yoga Institution,' Texas.

Vid. P. Praveen Kumar: He is also one of the senior students of Vidu. Narmada and runs 'Chitkala Nrutya Shaale.'

K.R. Vishwadeep: Son and student of Prof. Ramamurthy Rao, Vishwadeep is a Managing Consultant at Infosys.

Shreenija Wodeyar: She learnt Bharatanatyam under Usha Muralidharan of Kalakshetra and is settled in Denver, Colorado, USA.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

KSCA Mysuru Zone 1st Division League

Subhadip Das shines in Jawahars CC's win

Mysuru, Dec.23- An excellent spell of medium-pace bowling by Subhadip Das (five for 44 and six for 15), including a hat-trick, helped Jawahars CC to register a big innings and 52-run win over Mysore CC in the two-day 1st Division KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2019-20 played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here on Saturday and Sunday.

Subhadip Das

SCORES

Mysore CC: 138 in 42.1 overs (S. Suprith 44, Aleem Pasha 29, Ashok Kumar 24, Subhadip Das 5/44, Ayush Barik 5/51) and 95 in 34.1 overs (Aleem Pasha 28, Subhadip Das 6/15) lost to **Jawahars CC:** 285/9 decl. in 73.5 overs (S.S. Dolysh 79, Yashwanth 72, T. Vinod 35, P. Vishnu 28, Harsha 24, K. Harish 3/32); **Jawahars CC:** 5 points; **Mysore CC:** -1.

KSCA Mysuru Zone U-19 Tournament for Clubs

Big win for RBNCC

Mysuru, Dec.23- RBNCC registered a facile 110-run win over YMCC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-19 Cricket Tournament for Clubs 2019-20, played at the Gangothri Grounds here on Friday.

SCORES — RBNCC: 201 in 44.5 overs (Ismail Hussain 67 n.o., Sathwik Chethan 61, Manoj 4/28, Nishanth 3/20, Chiranth 2/32) bt **YMCC:** 91 in 35.1 overs (Manoj 38, Gaurav 3/20, Sibtain Ali 2/18, Bhuvan Kumar 2/6).

Winter Chess Tourney

Mysuru, Dec.23- Rotary Mysore School, in association with Mysore Chess Centre, has organised Winter Chess Tournament at Rotary Mysore School, Dattagalli, on Dec.29.

The Tournament is categorised into U-7, U-9, U-11 and U-13 for both boys and girls. Top 10 prizes will be awarded in each category. Players should bring there own chess sets.

Entry fee is Rs.200 per entry. For details and registration, contact Mysore Chess Centre, Saraswathipuram or call Mob: 81238-19220.

Kohli ends 2019 as leading run-scorer across formats

Rohit Sharma tops ODI charts

New Delhi, Dec.23- Virat Kohli finished 2019 on a high, leading India's chase in the series-decider against the West Indies with a fine knock of 85 runs off 81 deliveries. In the process, the India captain ensured that he finished as the leading run-getter across all formats in the year with 2,455 runs.

Rohit Sharma, who also scored a half-century in the third ODI against West Indies, finished a close second with 2,442 runs. Rohit Sharma did, however, end the year as the leading run-scorer in ODIs.

Kohli scored 1,377 runs in 26 ODIs, 612 runs in eight Tests and 466 runs in 10 T20Is in 2019. Rohit Sharma scored 1,490 runs in 28 ODIs, 556 runs in five Tests and 396 runs in 14 T20Is in the year.

Kohli scored seven centuries in 2019, including his career-high Test score of 254 not out. Rohit Sharma hit 10 tons, including a whopping five in the World Cup.

Excel in throwball, volleyball

The women's throwball team and the men's volleyball team of JSS Science & Technology University (JSS S&TU), Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), emerged winners and runners-up in the respective tournaments organised as part of the Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial JSS Inter-Institution Sports Meet 2019-20 by JSS Institution at Suttur recently. The winning women's throwball team — *(standing from left)* ***Varshika, Sowmya, Sushma, Chandana, Rishitha, Amulya, Sushmitha and Suma — is seen with*** *(sitting from left)* ***Physical Education Director Dr. C. Revanna, Deputy Registrar Dr. Haraprasad, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jawahar Nesan, Registrar Prof. K.S. Lokesh and JSS S&TU Principal Prof. M.S. Prabhuswamy. Picture below shows the men's volleyball team —*** *(standing from left)* ***T. Chethan, R.S. Praneeth, Jayanth, N. Kirankumar, S. Karthik Bhat, Kshitheesh R. Rao, M.S. Hemachandra, Sagar, K.R. Tushar and B.C. Vijay.***

India clinch ODI series with 4-wicket win

Cuttack, Dec.23- Virat Kohli top-scored with a knock of 85 as India clinched the three-match One-Day International (ODI) series against the West Indies in Cuttack on Sunday.

India chased down the target with eight balls to spare. Apart from Kohli, K.L. Rahul (77) and Rohit Sharma (63) also scored half-centuries to help India beat the West Indies by four wickets. West Indies removed Kohli in 47th over but Ravindra Jadeja remained unbeaten on 39 to help India cross the line in a tense finish in the series decider.

Earlier, India captain Kohli won the toss and elected to field in the series decider at the Barabati stadium. West Indies were off to a cautious start but Ravindra Jadeja broke the opening stand by removing Evin Lewis for 21. Debutant Navdeep Saini struck twice for hosts as he removed Shimron Hetmyer and Roston Chase in quick succession.

Late flourish from the West Indies captain Kieron Pollard, who remained unbeaten on 74, saw the visitors put on a competitive total of 315 for five in their quota of 50 overs.

Rafael Nadal wins record fifth Mubadala Championship

Spanish tennis great Rafael Nadal *(right)* ***won a record fifth Mubadala (Abu Dhabi) World Tennis Championship after he won a three-hour-and-12 minute epic against Greek star Stefanos Tsitsipas in Saturday's final — 6-7 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (3).***

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Open locked toilet for public use at T.K. Layout

A public toilet constructed at T.K. Layout Main Road by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been rendered useless as it has been locked since many months resulting in public especially senior citizens and those suffering from diabetes, attend nature's call on roadsides. Authorities concerned are urged to open the toilet for public use at the earliest.

Clear stinking garbage in Sathyanagar

Garbage strewn in Sathyanagar near Udayagiri has not been cleared since a month resulting foul smell emanating from it causing inconvenience to the residents living in the surroundings. A drum placed as a garbage bin is also overflowing and getting scattered due to wind. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to clear the garbage at the earliest and also place a bigger garbage bin instead of the drum.

Repair fallen park compound at Raghavendranagar

The compound of the park at Raghavendranagar-Gururaja Layout has collapsed about 15 days ago resulting in stray cattle eating away ornamental plants at the park. Residents say that though the compound fell about two weeks ago, none of the civic officials visited the spot nor the local elected representative has taken interest to construct the same. The park lacks play equipment for the children and the present iron play equipment is rusted and broken. When parks in other wards are being developed and new gym equipment is being installed for the benefit of the residents, this park is being neglected. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to develop this park for the benefit of all.

Lions Club of Mysore Nirmaan undertakes Swachhata Abhiyan at K.R. Hospital

Lions Club of Mysore Nirmaan undertook Swachhata Abhiyan at K.R. Hospital recently by cleaning the hospital premises and collecting the garbage which was disposed scientifically later. Club President Ln. Mahabaleshwara Bairy, District Service Co-ordinator Ravindranath, Hon. Secretary Ln. V. Gurudatt, Treasurer Ln. Shwetha and others took part in the cleanliness drive.

Bhoomi puja for *Garadi* performed

Mysuru, Dec.23- MP Pratap Simha and Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra jointly performed *Bhoomi puja* (ground breaking ceremony) for construction of Lavar Basappa *Garadi* and civic amenities to the Community Hall on Mission Hospital Road in Mandi Mohalla here recently.

The *Garadi* is being constructed by Nirmiti Kendra at a cost of Rs.32 lakh, with Rs.10 lakh by former MLA Vasu, Rs.12 lakh by current MLA L. Nagendra and Rs.10 lakh by MP Pratap Simha out of their respective grants. The civic amenities to the community hall is being provided by grants provided by MLA L. Nagendra and MP Pratap Simha.

Area Corporator M.B. Nagaraj, local leaders V.G. Kumar, Ramanna, Ramachandra and others were present.

Advanced ICU Ambulance donated to JSS Hospital

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), South Central Zone, Hyderabad, Zonal Manager Mini Ipe handing over the key of the 'Advanced ICU on Wheels Ambulance' to the officials of JSS Hospital in city recently. Seen in the picture are Director of Medical Education R. Mahesh, Director of Finance Puttasubbappa, Director of Accounts and Audits Santharam and others from JSS Mahavidyapeetha and senior officials from LIC.

Nrityalaya Trust felicitates achievers

Mysuru, Dec.23 (SPN&US)- *Nalavattara Nalivu – Nitya Nartana Parva*, a programme, organised by Nrityalaya Trust was held at Jaganmohan Palace in city.

Speaking on the occasion, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji asked people to involve in art and literature which would help keep the morale of the society high.

He opined that persons with good morality can stay anywhere in the world retaining their individuality without getting wooed by any other culture.

He suggested the youth to show interest in Indian art and culture. He commended the excellence achieved by Vidu. Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra in the field of dance and her Engineer husband Ramachandra in the field of *Gamaka.*

District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev contended that Nrityalaya Trust has achieved much more than what a University can in the field of art. He said that cultural activities can become medicines to treat ills of the society.

Achievers in various fields — Dr. N.S. Taranath (Literature), Vid. M.Y. Puttannaiah (Theatre music), Dr. K. Kumar (Dance) and Vidu. Sunita Chandrakumar (Sugama Sangeetha) were felicitated on the occasion.

Nritalaya team, under the guidance of Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra presented dance-dramas — *Deshabakhti Geetha Nartana, Shanti Mantra Mattu Mangala, Haridasa Nartana Parva* and other cultural programmes on the occasion.

Art Patron K.V. Murthy, Vidu. Roopashri Madusudan and others were present.

Book on S.M. Krishna to be released on Jan. 4

Mysuru, Dec.23(US)- Giving credit to over 50 years of political career of former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, Krishnapatha Samithi has brought out a book 'Krishnapatha' - a look into the career and achievements of S.M. Krishna.

The book will be released at a function to be held on Jan. 4, 2020 at 11am at Jnanajyothi auditorium in Bengaluru. Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion. Ramakrishna Ashrama President Sri Muktidanandaji will release the book. Retired Chief Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah will release 'Smruti Vahini' and five other books. S.M. Krishna will participate. Kannada Sahitya Parishat State President Dr. Manu Baligar will speak on the books. Former Chairman of Kannada Development Authority will be the guest of honour.

Kannada Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. Vasanth Kumar felicitated

Mysuru, Dec. 23 (MK&SD)- Newly nominated Chairman of Karnataka Sahitya Academy Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar was felicitated by President of Karnataka Sangha Prof. Jayaprakash Gowda at Maneyangala in Kalamandira recently.

The felicitation ceremony was organised by Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota in association with Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthashale and Kalpavruksha Trust, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jayaprakash Gowda praised the Professor, Writer and Vyakhyanakara Dr. Vasanth Kumar and said that Dr. Vasanth Kumar mesmerises audience with his explanations that he provides for each stanza of *Gamaka* with examples and anecdotes.

Director of Kuvempu Institute for Kannada Studies Prof. Neelagiri M. Talawar also spoke on the occasion. Writer Dr. Latha Rajashekar presided.

President of Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota M. Chandrashekar, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthashale Publisher T. S. Chayapathi, President of Kalpavruksha Trust Dr. H.B. Rajashekar, Dr. Jagadish and others were present.

District Disability Rehabilitation Centre: Applications invited

Mysuru, Dec. 23- The Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible candidates for filling up of following vacant posts in District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) in city.

Artificial Limb P&O Engineer – 1 post (P&O Engineering degree/diploma with 2 to 5 years experience), Rs. 25,000; Mobility Instructor – 1 post (Certificate Course in O&M), Rs. 8,000 and Ear Mould Technician – 1 post (Certificate Course in Ear Moulding Technology), Rs. 8,000.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications along with copies of their educational and experience certificates through by email to ddrcmysore@gmail.com or contact Secretary, DDRC, Indian Red Cross Society, DRC Building, Pulikeshi Road, Mysuru before Dec. 31.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490222 or 2490111.

Selected for National-level Young Scientist competition

Mysuru, Dec.23- A. Sanvi and Poorvi of B.M. Shri School, Kuvempunagar in city, have been selected for the National-level practical contest for Junior Young Scientist and R. Surya and S. Ishaan of the same school have been selected for Senior Young Scientist, at the State-level contest held at Adichunchanagiri in Mandya district recently.

The four will now take part in the National contest to take place at Thiruvananthapuram from Dec.27 to 31.The four students were trained by the School's Science teacher Annapoorna Padaki.

Workshop held on 'Problems of adolescents and solutions'

Mysuru, Dec.23(MTY&US)- Zilla Panchayat, AYUSH Department and Department of Psychology of Maharani's Arts College had organised a workshop on 'Problems of adolescents and solutions' at the college premises here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Psychology Professor Somanna opined that adolescent period between childhood and adulthood is very crucial. He contended that problems during that stage could be solved but can be avoided also.

He said that adolescents easily get distracted which should be avoided. He further said that the Autonomic Nervous System in the brain regulates the bodily functions and balances emotional behaviour. He added that the final behaviour is under the control of the person.

Another Psychology Professor of the College M.S. Manonmani advised adolescents to share their problems with their friends. She opined that meditation and yoga helps to maintain good health of body and mind.

Taluk Panchayat President Kalamma Kemparamaiah inaugurated the programme. District AYUSH Officer Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi, Department Officer Dr. Ashwini, Journalism Professor S.G. Raghavendra and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Belle epoque

Pronunciation: BEL-ay-POK.
Meaning: Often capitalised Belle Epoque : a period of high artistic or cultural development; especially : such a period in fin de siècle France.
Origin: In the years before World War I, France experienced a period of economic growth that produced a wealth of artistic and cultural developments. That era has been described as excessive, glittering, gaudy, and extravagant, but the tumultuous days of war that followed it inspired the French to call that productive period la belle époque—literally, "the beautiful age." The term belle epoque soon found its way into English, where it came to be used to refer not only to the glory days of late 19th-century France, but to any similarly luxurious period. It is now used to more elegantly convey the sentiments of another nostalgic expression, "the good old days."
Example: Then comes the most elegant of Paris bridges: the Pont Alexandre III, a belle epoque confection linking the Invalides to the Champs-Élysées. Built for the Paris Exposition Universelle of 1900, it was named in honor of the father of the visiting Russian czar, Nicholas II. — Elaine Sciolino.

THE ODD WORD

Bacillicide
Killer of berries.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Break a leg

Meaning: Good luck!
Origin: "Break a leg" is a typical English idiom used in theatre to wish a performer "good luck". An ironic or non-literal saying of uncertain origin, "break a leg" is commonly said to actors and musicians before they go on stage to perform, likely first used in this context in the United States in the 1920s or 1930s. The expression probably reflects a theatrical superstition in which directly wishing a person "good luck" would be considered bad luck, therefore an alternative way of wishing luck was developed. The expression is sometimes used outside the theatre as superstitions and customs travel through other professions and then into common use. Among professional dancers, the traditional saying is not "break a leg", but the French word "merde". Some etymologists believe it to be an adaptation from the similar German phrase Hals- und Beinbruch (neck- and leg-bone break), itself borrowed from Yiddish: romanized: hatsloche un broche, lit. 'success and blessing', Hebrew: hatzlacha u-bracha, because of its similar pronunciation. This usage in German is not specific to the theatre. The autobiography of Manfred von Richthofen records pilots of the German air force during the First World War as using the phrase "Hals- und Beinbruch" (neck and leg fracture) to wish each other luck before a flight.

QUOTE BOX

A person does not grow from the ground like a vine or a tree, one is not part of a plot of land. Mankind has legs so it can wander. **— Roman Payne**

RIDDLE THIS

What can you catch but not throw?

Answer :A cold.

SUDOKU

		2	3	1	7	6		
4			2		5			9
	3			6			1	
	9						2	
1								7
	8						3	
	7			5			8	
2			8		1			3
		9	7	3	2	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	3	5	4	8	6	1	9
5	8	6	1	9	3	4	2	7
4	1	9	6	7	2	3	5	8
9	5	1	8	2	6	7	4	3
8	3	7	9	1	4	5	6	2
6	2	4	7	3	5	8	9	1
1	6	8	3	5	9	2	7	4
7	4	5	2	8	1	9	3	6
3	9	2	4	6	7	1	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

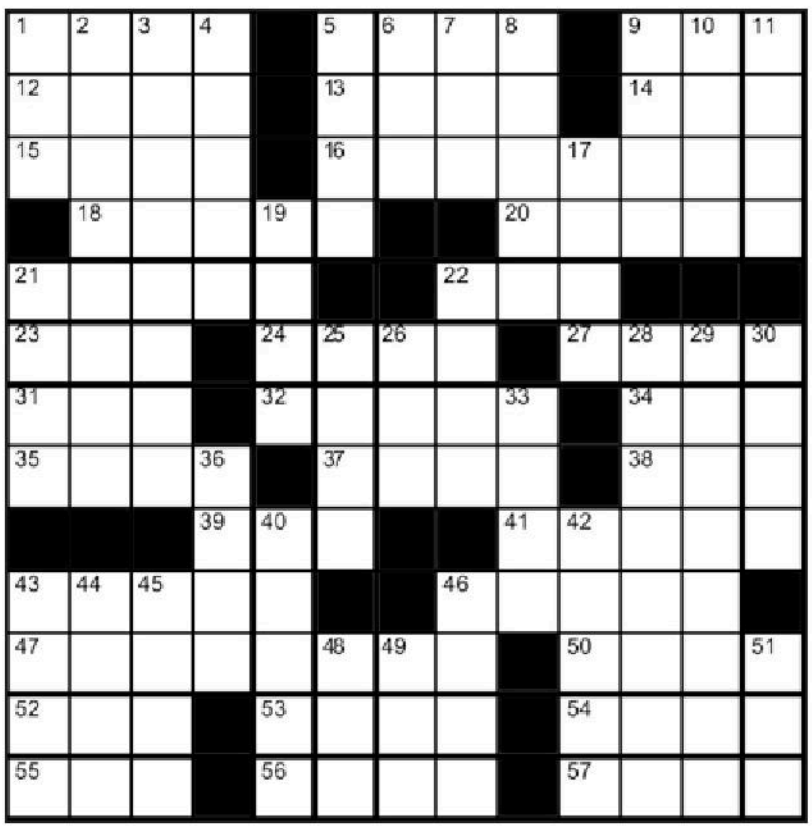
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Nadal's nickname
5 Unruffled, serene
9 Tropical plant used in the same way as the potato
12 Tablet
13 Halls, theatres
14 Another word for 'eggs'
15 Ex-Aussie cricket captain Chappell
16 Disease-producing organism
18 Precise
20 Milk supplier
21 Farewell
22 A collection of tools
23 Fairy queen
24 Not penned in
27 Con
31 ___ advised : imprudent?
32 Popular sweetmeat
34 Genetic item
35 Think or judge
37 Only moderately good or well (2-2)
38 Election winners
39 Choose or select
41 Paper money?
43 Capital of Ghana
46 English county
47 Detached, impersonal or scientific
50 Plagiarise
52 Rodent
53 Go by sea
54 Person of one of the races of Japan
55 Vane dir.
56 Leo Tolstoy's ___ Karenina
57 From __ to riches?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	A	L	■	A	P	I	A	■	M	E	L
B	A	L	I	■	R	O	L	L	C	A	L	L
E	R	A	T	■	S	N	A	T	C	H	E	D
D	E	S	T	R	O	Y	■	A	I	A	C	■
■	■	■	L	E	N	■	P	R	I	N	T	S
A	R	M	E	D	■	P	E	S	■	A	R	A
S	A	A	R	■	G	U	T	■	I	D	O	L
A	C	T	■	H	U	B	■	T	R	I	N	E
P	E	R	S	O	N	■	I	B	O	■	■	■
■	G	O	O	N	■	S	C	A	N	D	A	L
C	O	N	F	E	T	T	I	■	O	U	S	E
S	E	L	A	S	S	I	E	■	U	K	E	S
T	R	Y	■	T	O	R	R	■	T	E	A	S

Down
1 Role playing game in short
2 Terrier of large rough-coated breed
3 Supple, not rigid
4 Water plants
5 Egyptian Christian
6 Old time movie Anokhi ___
7 Allow or rent
8 Great Muslim leader
9 Hindu ascetic
10 Pronounce or state
11 Numerous; not few
17 Sort of grass grown for food
19 End of sleeve
21 Among, in the company of
22 Small casks
25 Iron oxide to you?
26 Old Tokyo
28 Judging standards
29 Acquiring, appropriating or confiscating
30 A body of coherent matter
33 Ages
36 Sunrise poetically speaking
40 One of hundredth of a rupee
42 Cinema award
43 4,840 sq yds
44 A Scottish family
45 Refer to
46 Girl's name
48 Able or competent
49 The Scottish for 'own'
51 Public vehicle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DOXV PYLX DN DOX FNQZG DOX RXWD HNB OKLX.

KVG DOX RXWD FYZZ ENCX RKES DN HNB.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I don't hire anybody who's not brighter than I am. If they're not brighter than I am, I don't need them.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha			
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Thambi	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Hero	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 10.50 am, 4.20 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-1) 1.15 pm
Dabangg -3 (H)	(S-1) 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 am; (S-4) 4.05 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2) 10.15 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-4) 1 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 1.30 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2) 4.00 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	(S-2) 10 pm
Ruler (Te)	(S-3) 1.00 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 4.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-3) 7.05 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-3) 10 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-4) 10.15 am, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm

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Dabangg - 3 (H)	(S-1) 12.25 pm
	(S-2) 9 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-3) 3.55 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-1) 4 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4) 9.20 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 9.45 am, 7 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3) 9.45 am
	(S-4) 3.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarvajanikarige...	(S-2) 12.20 pm
... Suvarnavakaasha (K)	(S-3) 7.15 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-3) 12.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 9.50 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-4) 6.50 pm
Ruler (Te)	(S-4) 12.15 pm

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Dabangg 3 (H)	8.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.30, 10 pm
Dabangg 3 (K)	12.35 pm
Odeya (K)	9.05 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	9.40 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	12.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	12.05 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	12.25 pm
Ruler (Te)	3.15 pm
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (E)	4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	6.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	6.35 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Varnaavarana solo art exhibition at Sri Kalanikethana Gallery

Mysuru, Dec.23- 'Varnaavarana,' a solo art expo by S. Vinod, has been organised at Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, from Dec.24 to 31.

The expo will be inaugurated tomorrow at 11.30 am by ACP G.N. Mohan, senior photographer M.R. Manjunath and Karnataka Lalithakala Academy-Bengaluru Member Vinod Kumar. Sri Kalanikethana School of Art Principal K.C. Mahadevashetty will deliver the keynote address.

The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm every day till Dec.31. For details, contact Mob: 99454-59807 or 97429-18181.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 23)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

HaMaNa Pratishtana, Mysuru and Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Mysuru: Dr. Ha.Ma. Nayak Memorial Lecture by Dr. D.V. Gopinath, retd. Director, Health and Safety Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mubai, Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa presides, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions, Lakshmipuram: Centenary Celebrations - College anniversary celebrations, State Award winner Vid. Y.M. Puttannaiah inaugurates, DDPI Dr. Panduranga chief guest, Swami Vivekananda Rangamantapa, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions premises, Lakshmipuram, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Devaranama by Lalitha Parameshwari Bhajana Mandali and troupe, **5 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Poorvaj Vishwanath and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama, Lakshmana, Hanumanta Devara Uyyalotsava, Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharata Vana Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya, Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Karnatak Classical Flute Recital by **Vid. Rakesh Sudhir,** accompanied by Vid. M. Keshav on violin, Vid. Kumar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Shyam on ghata, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, Vivekanandanagar, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust: 'Noopurotsava' in memory of *Natyacharya* late M. Vishnudas, Bharatanatyam by Srujana Suresh, Tumakuru and Bharatanatyam by Sophia Salingrose, America, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Vocal recital by Vid. Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Shruthi on violin, Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Shamith Gowda on ghata, Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira, **6.30 pm.**

Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 24)

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Farooqia PU College, Tilak Nagar: Sports Day, University wrestler Ayesha Siddiqa chief guest, College Hon. Secretary Prof. M. Sayeed Ahmed and Principal Ilyas Ahmed Khan will be present, Hon. Treasurer Dr. Syed Abdul Khuddus presides, College premises, **10 am.**

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Shri Bruhaspatyacharya Vidya Sasmthe (SBVS), Srirampura 2nd Stage: 20th Annual Day celebrations, SBVS Trustee Dr. U.G. Shenoy presides, School premises, **3.30 pm.**

Deepthi Education Trust and Busy Bees Montessori School and Lahari Academy of Arts: Annual Day, Busy Bees Montessori School, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**

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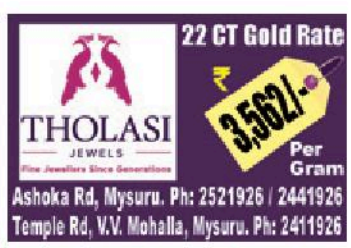
Flower Show at Palace

Mysore Palace Board: Inauguration of Annual Flower Show by District Minister V. Somanna, MLA S.A. Ramdas presides, Palace premises, **4.30 pm.**



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V/s
Defendant: Sri. Maruthi concrete block industries, Represented by its Proprietrix Smt. Pushpalatha W/o Dinesh, No 3582 Nagansahalli Village Near Varuna Channel Behind RB Hotel Mudalaya Mysore-570003 Residing at 2281 Surya Bakery 5th Cross Hebbal Mysore
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